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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN PUNJAB SEATS IN SENATE

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1. PAKISTAN TIMES AND LAHORE URDU PRESS ANNOUNCED JULY 25 THAT GOP-APPOINTED CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER (CEC), RETIRED JUSTICE SAJJAD AHMAD JAN, ACCEPTED APPEAL OF DEFEATED CML SENATORIAL CANDIDATE KHWAJA MOHAMMAD SAFDAR AND DECLARED HIM ELECTED TO SENATE. MOHAMMAD IQBAL, PPP CANDIDATE FROM LYALLPUR, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED SUCCESSFUL, WAS ELIMINATED BY RECOUNT ORDERED BY CEC.

2. PUNJAB SENATORIAL COUNT NOW STANDS AT 9 PPP AND 1 OPPOSITION.

3. COMMENT: SAFDAR IS VETERAN POLITICIAN WITH REPUTATION FOR SMOOTH ARTICULATE PARLIAMENTARIAN PERFORMANCE WHEN SERVING IN PUNJAB AND WEST PAKISTAN ASSEMBLIES IN PAST. PRESENTLY SECRETARY GENERAL CML AND PRESIDENT OF PUNJAB UDF, SAFDAR WAS VICTIM AT TIME OF SENATORIAL ELECTIONS HERE OF SPLIT IN OPPOSITION RANKS WHICH RESULTED IN ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT OPPOSITION CANDIDATE WHO PROMPTLY SWITCHED ALLEGIANCE TO
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PPP (REFTEL). OPPOSITION PRESS TODAY IS HAILING SAFDAR'S

VICTORY AND WE EXPECT OPPOSITION WILL FIND SOME ENCOURAGEMENT
IN THIS DEVELOPMENT. PPP NOW FACES PROBLEM OF FINDING
APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR DEFEATED CANDIDATE IQBAL.
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